



Minnesota Ag News - Small Grains Summary

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MINNESOTA SMALL GRAINS PRODUCTION – DOWN FROM 2010

Minnesota's **SPRING WHEAT** production is estimated at 69.0 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2010, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Spring wheat yield, at 46 bushels per acre, is down 9 bushels from 2010. Spring wheat harvested area for grain is 1.50 million acres, down 3 percent from last year.

WINTER WHEAT production, at 1.46 million bushels, is down 48 percent from last year. Winter wheat harvested area is 26,000 acres, down 57 percent from last year. Yield, at 56.0 bushels per acre, is up 9 bushels from 2010, and is the second highest yield in recorded history.

OAT production is estimated at 5.94 million bushels, down 48 percent from last year, and is the lowest production since 1866. Harvested area for grain is 110,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2010, and the smallest harvested area in recorded history. Yield, at 54.0 bushels per acre, is down 15 bushels from last year.

BARLEY production, at 3.06 million bushels, is down 29 percent from last year, and is the lowest production since 1879. Barley harvested area at 60,000 acres, is down 14 percent from last year, and is the smallest harvested area since 1875. Yield, at 51.0 bushels per acre, is down 11 bushels from 2010.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Other spring wheat: Production for 2011 is estimated at 462 million bushels, down 11 percent from the August forecast and down 25 percent from 2010. Harvested area totaled 12.1 million acres, down 2 percent from August and down 10 percent from last year. The United States yield is 38.3 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from August and 7.8 bushels lower than last year. Yields are below the previous year's level in all States except Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, where record high yields were achieved in all three States.

Winter wheat: The 2011 winter wheat production totaled 1.49 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast but 1 percent above the previous year. The United States yield is 46.2 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from August and down 0.6 bushel from 2010. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, up slightly from August and up 2 percent from the previous year.

Oats: The 2011 production is estimated at a record low 54.0 million bushels, down 6 percent from the August forecast and down 33 percent from 2010. Yield is estimated at 57.5 bushels per acre, down 4.1 bushels from August and down 6.8 bushels from the previous year. Area planted to oats is estimated at a record low 2.50 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous estimate and down 20 percent from 2010. In total, record lows for planted acres were set in 24 States. Harvested area is estimated at a record low 940 thousand acres, up slightly from August but 26 percent below last year. Record lows for harvested area occurred in 19 States.

Barley: Production is estimated at 155 million bushels, down 8 percent from the August forecast and 14 percent below 2010, and the lowest since 1936. Average yield per acre, at 69.2 bushels, is down 3.9 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.56 million acres in 2011, down 11 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.24 million acres, is down 9 percent from 2010, and the lowest level since 1881.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2010 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2011 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2010 YIELD	2011 YIELD	2010 PRODUCTION (000)	2011 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,550	1,500	55.0	46.0	85,250	69,000
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	60	26	47.0	56.0	2,820	1,456
BARLEY (Bu)	70	60	62.0	51.0	4,340	3,060
OATS (Bu)	165	110	69.0	54.0	11,385	5,940
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,359	12,079	46.1	38.3	615,975	462,473
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	31,741	32,314	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677
BARLEY (Bu)	2,465	2,239	73.1	69.2	180,268	155,050
OATS (Bu)	1,263	940	64.3	57.5	81,190	54,005